

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ.ಸಿ. ಬಸಪ್ಪ.—ಹಣವಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಕೈಬಿಟ್ಟರೆ ಮತ್ತಷ್ಟು ಡ್ಯಾಮೇಜ್ ಆಗಿ ಕೋಟ್ಯಾಂತರ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳನ್ನು ಖರ್ಚು ಮಾಡತಕ್ಕಂಥ ಪ್ರಸಂಗ ಬರುತ್ತದೆ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಬೇಗನೆ ದುರಸ್ತಿ ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕೆಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ.ಎಂ.ಜೆ. ಸದ್ಕೋಜಾತ —ಅದಷ್ಟು ಜಾಗ್ರತೆಯಾಗಿ ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ನಿರ್ಧಾರವನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದು ಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇನೆ.

Short Notice Question

(To which Oral Answer were given)

Construction of the General Hospital Building at Nagamangala.

7 SRI H. T. KRISHNAPPA (Nagamangla)—Will the Minister for Health and Family Welfare be pleased to state.—

(a) when was the foundation for the construction of the General Hospital building at Nagamangala laid ;

(b) the causes for delay in commencing the work ?

SRI A.K. ABDUL SAMAD —(Minister for Health and Family Welfare)

(a) 7-2-1977.

(b) The plans and estimates of this work were prepared in 1977 taking into consideration the donation promised by the Public and local bodies to the extent of Rs. 2.67 lakhs. But only a lakh of rupees have been deposited so far.

In order to provide for more facilities the plan and estimates were revised by making provision for an administration block.

The work will be taken up as soon as the remaining promised contribution is deposited.

SRI H. T. KRISHNAPPA.—Sir, I would like to know from the Hon. Minister for Health and Family Welfare whether the order of sanction of the general hospital to Nagamangala contained a direction to start the work immediately through the P.W.D. if so, what prevented the Government from taking up that work for such a long time ?

SRI A. K. ABDUL SAMAD.—Mr. Speaker Sir, the Government Order was issued on 17-12-1977. The Order says, subject to the public contribution the work could be started in the new place selected by the Chief Architect. The local contribution has come upto Rs. 1,11,000. The balance amount has to be paid by the public, so that the work could be started.

SRI H. T. KRISHNAPPA.—Sir, the Hon. Minister is fully aware of the difficult situation in which the taluka is placed due to regular

famine conditions there. We were not able to pay the required amount of contribution. Nevertheless, a substantial amount of over Rs. 1,50,000/- has been paid by way of public contribution. The Government Order that was passed earlier contained a direction that the work should be taken up immediately. Now, they say that the Government quota will be released only after the public contribution is fully paid. I would like to know from the Hon. Minister, why no action has been taken for such a long time to expedite the matter. The Government could have possibly passed a similar order just as the one which was passed earlier and permitted to take up the work. Even now, I would like to know from the Hon. Minister, whether it is possible to pass an identical order or otherwise to commence the work immediately.

SRI A. K. ABDUL SAMAD.—Mr. Speaker Sir, the estimated cost of the work in 1977 was Rs. 5 lakhs and the present cost of the work is estimated at about Rs. 10 lakhs. As required under the rules, at least one-third amount should be paid by way of public contribution. The amount to be paid is Rs. 2,60,000/- and as per my information they have got only Rs. 1,11,000/-. Therefore, I request the hon. Member to see that the local contribution of Rs. 2,60,000/- which is a commitment be paid so that the work could be taken up early.

SRI H. T. KRISHNAPPA.—Sir, nearly 5 years have passed after depositing public contribution of over Rs. 1,50,000/- with the Government. It is only after depositing the said contribution, that the Government was pleased to order sanctioning the General Hospital to Nagamangala with a direction to commence the work immediately. I hope the hon. Minister would kindly appreciate the plight in which I am placed. Generally, it is the public representative/representatives who are associated with the raising of public contribution. For the last 5 years nothing has been done in spite of the Government order and foundation stone having been laid by the then Hon. Minister for Health. Would not the public suspect the bona fides of the public representatives who are responsible for collecting so much contribution? For no fault of ours, we are driven to a situation where everyone looks at us with suspicion. This is not fair. We have collected Rs. 1,50,000/- from the public and deposited with the Government with the fond hope of getting the Hospital work commenced. Therefore I would like the Hon. Minister for Health kindly to appreciate the difficult situation in which we are placed and request him to see that an order is passed identical to an order which was once passed by his predecessor in office and given effect to in a different way.

SRI A. K. ABDUL SAMAD.—Sir, to sort out this, I would have to convene a meeting with the Finance Minister and the hon. Member as well. We will try to solve the problem.

SRI H. T. KRISHNAPPA.—Sir, I do not dispute the laudable intention of the Hon. Minister in co-operating with me but the point is of time. I request the Hon. Minister to see that somehow the work is commenced and enable me to raise the balance contribution. Unless the contribution which is already paid is shown to have been utilised properly, I do not have the moral right to go to the people to raise the balance amount. Therefore, once again I request the Hon. Minister to see that an order which was passed at the time of sanctioning this Hospital is given effect to or a similar order is passed again. Would the Hon. Minister be pleased to waive the balance contribution in view of the fact that Nagamangala Taluka being the backward one? If there are any instances where the Hon. Minister has given exemption in respect of public contribution or waived a portion of it, I want the Hon. Minister to understand the difficult situation in which I am placed and see that a similar concession is extended to me also.

SRI A. K. ABDUL SAMAD.—I will examine it.

MR. SPEAKER.—Question hour is over.

QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY

(but not taken up)

* Taking over Mangalpet-Thalipady road by PWD

743 DR. DAMODAR MULKI.—(Mudabidri) -Will the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state:—

(a) when the Thalipady Soorinji P W D Road has taken over, by that Department;

(b) whether the Govt. is aware of the fact that a bridge and approach road is necessary to complete the road;

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to Complete this missing link?

SRI KAGODU THIMMAPPA.—(Minister for Public Works).

(a) This road was taken over to P W D during 1961 and the current nomenclature of the road is Mangalpet-Thalipady road.

(b) Yes.

(c) These works will be taken up depending on the availability of funds.